

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to attorney requested telephone interview, 12/7/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 10-19 and 38.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is required in order to make an examiner's amendment which places this application in condition for allowance. During a telephone conversation conducted on 07 December 2005, Richard Haferkamp requested an extension of time for 3 MONTH(S) and authorized the Director to charge Deposit Account No. 20-0823 the required fee of \$510 for this extension and authorized the following examiner's amendment. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

1. – 9. (canceled by Examiner's Amendment).

10. (amended by Examiner's Amendment) A business form comprising a self-laminating wristband, said wristband having a printable face ply portion, a lamination layer portion for substantially surrounding the printable face ply portion, a strap portion formed in said lamination layer portion and extending from a single side of said face ply portion for wrapping about a person's appendage, and an attachment portion for joining the strap portion to the printable face ply portion to thereby attach said wristband to said person's appendage, the attachment portion including two slots located on opposite sides of a length of the face ply portion and through at least one of which the strap is inserted to affix the wristband to a patient's appendage, at least one of said slots being at least partially surrounded by adhesive.

11. (original) The business form of claim 10 wherein said strap portion and the attachment portion are formed in the lamination layer portion, and the face ply portion includes a layer of face stock adhered to said lamination layer portion.

12. (original) The business form of claim 11 wherein the slots are substantially aligned so that as the lamination portion is folded over the face stock the slots are aligned with the face stock.

13. (original) The business form of claim 12 wherein both of the slots are substantially surrounded by adhesive.

14. (original) The business form of claim 13 further comprising adhesive applied to an outboard end of the strap for adhering the strap end to the wristband after it is inserted through either one or both of said slots.

15. (original) The business form of claim 14 wherein the lamination layer portion includes an overlay portion sized substantially the same as the face stock, and wherein said slots include slots formed in the overlay portion which match and line up with the opposing slots as the overlay portion is folded over the face stock.

16. (original) The business form of claim 15 further comprising a periphery of adhesive on said overlay portion so that as said overlay portion is folded over said face stock said periphery substantially surrounds the face stock.

17. (original) The business form of claim 16 wherein the self-laminating wristband is formed in a carrier sheet, said carrier sheet being comprised of a layer of face stock and a layer of laminating material.

18. (original) The business form of claim 17 wherein said carrier sheet is approximately envelope sized.

19. (original) The business form of claim 17 wherein said carrier sheet is approximately page sized, and further comprising a plurality of self adhering labels applied thereto.

20. (canceled by Examiner's Amendment).

21. (canceled by Examiner's Amendment).

22. (previously canceled).

23. – 37. (canceled by Examiner's Amendment).

38. (newly presented by Examiner's Amendment) A business form containing a self-laminating wristband, said wristband having a laminating layer and an imaging receiving face

stock layer, and a cinch for securing the wristband about a person's appendage, said cinch comprising a strap formed in one side of said laminating layer and a pair of slots formed in the opposing side of the laminating layer, one of said slots being substantially surrounded by adhesive so that upon separation from the business form the wristband is assembled by folding over the laminating layer to laminate the face stock layer, inserting the strap through a first slot, folding it over onto the strap to adhere it in place, and inserting the strap through the second slot to avoid obscuring the face stock layer wherein the face stock layer includes a tab extending to an inner edge of the first slot so that as said strap is inserted therethrough it is protected from contact with the adhesive substantially surrounding the first slot.

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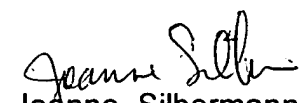
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: new claim 38 is a combination of claims 22 and 23. Claim 23 was previously indicated as being allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joanne Silbermann whose telephone number is 571-272-6653. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 5:30 - 2:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lesley Morris can be reached on 571-272-6651. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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